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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 207

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 26, 2008

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Records and Criminal Offenders.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Walker

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. L. Lawson

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a public agency may deny public records requests made by a person incarcerated in a correctional facility if the requested public records: (1) contain personal information concerning a correctional officer, crime victim, or family member of a correctional officer or crime victim; or (2) relate to the security of a jail or correctional facility.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill could result in an administrative cost savings for state agencies. The amount of the impact is indeterminable and will ultimately depend on the cost of providing the requested public records to the incarcerated individual versus the cost of denying that request due to the provisions contained in this bill. It is estimated that the administrative burden of denying the request is less than the burden in providing the requested records.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could result in an administrative cost savings for local agencies. The amount of the impact is indeterminable and will ultimately depend on the cost of providing the requested public records to the incarcerated individual versus the cost of denying that request due to the provisions contained in this bill. It is estimated that the administrative burden of denying the request is less than the burden in providing the requested records.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected: All.

Information Sources:

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